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THIS IS UNEVALUATED FOLLOWING

1. On 1 March 1952, the Czechoslovak Army was to issue a special callup for men of the classes of 1931 and 1932. The purpose of this callup is to obtain additional personnel to man anti-aircraft defenses. The callup scheduled for 1 April 1952 for men of the classes of 1930, 1931, and 1932 will include men previously deferred for family reasons or industrial assignments. By 1 April 1952, the Czechoslovak Army will reach its maximum strength since the war.
2. On 1 March 1952, the Czechoslovak Army was to start a program to triple the number of female military personnel.
3. All military units stationed in the frontier areas of Czechoslovakia will be checked twice yearly as to the political orientation of all personnel. Those not cleared as politically reliable will be immediately transferred from the frontier area. Between 1 January and 1 March 1952, following such a check of military personnel in these areas, about 60% were moved from the area.
4. At the Kladno airport, [redacted] eight jet aircraft believed to be of the MIG 15 type. [redacted] the aircraft based there are the type currently used by the Chinese Communists in Korea.
5. At the Zatec (N51/F10) airfield, six jet aircraft are stationed which are believed to MIG 15s. These aircraft undertake flights from Zatec to Falknov (N51/P58) and back. [redacted]

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6. Certain Czechoslovak Army schools now teach the tactic of preventive terror, under the doctrine that the Army upon entering a hostile country should immediately take hostages regardless of whether or not partisan activity has been initiated against it.
7. Hradet Kralove (051/G71) is an important storage point for Czechoslovak Army radio and telephone communications equipment.
8. A radar apparatus is located at Seeberg (M51/P28), another at Falknov (N51/P58).
9. The Czechoslovak Army recalled a large number of submachine guns of the 1951 production series after many field units reported serious malfunctions, notably barrel bursts after continuous firing.
10. Current procurement efforts of the Czechoslovak Army indicate that the military production program will require sizeable quantities of Mannesmann tubes for use in the production of weapons of the Katyusha type.*
11. A tank assembly plant has been established on the site of a small German wartime plant in eastern Slovakia about 30 kilometers from the USSR border and 50 kilometers from the Polish border. Tank parts produced in Czechoslovakia are shipped by rail to this plant, assembled there, and then dispatched to the USSR.
12. Most repairs on large Soviet type tractors which are supplied to Czechoslovak collective farms are being handled by military personnel, either armored vehicle mechanics or artillery mechanics. this repair program may be part of an Army program to train personnel in the maintenance of heavy engines. 25X1
13. Long range plans of the Czechoslovak Ministry of National Defense call for a buildup of the armed forces from the present to an 18 division level (sic) and ultimately to 36 divisions not including the SNB, the police, or the works militia. The Ministry is still pressing for diversion of industrial and agricultural production to military purposes. It is estimated that 15 to 20 percent of the food production of Czechoslovakia is being used to build up military food reserves.

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* Comment: may be referring to weapons of the Nebelwerfer type, which Czechoslovakia is producing presumably from both Soviet Army and German Wehrmacht designs.

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